

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BUILDING CODE REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of Meeting

February 10, 2006

Attendance:

Robert Clegg, Chairman, Department of Safety

Tedd Evans, Board for Licensing and Regulation of Plumbers, licensed master plumber

John Tuttle, NH Home Builders Association, Architectural designer - residential

Wayne A. Richardson, NH Building Officials Association, municipal building official

Laura A. Black, PE - Board of Engineers, licensed electrical engineer

Joel Fisher, Board of Engineers, licensed structural engineer

James Petersen, PE, Board of Engineers, licensed mechanical engineer

Mark Weissflog, NH Electrical Contractors Business Assoc., licensed master electrician

Wes Golomb, Public Utilities Commission, State energy conservation code office

Excused:

Jerry Tepe, Board of Architects, licensed architect

Thomas S Lambert, Chief, NH Association of Fire Chiefs, Municipal Fire

Med Kopczynski, NH Municipal Association

Absent:

Michael Santa, CBO, Governor's Commission on Disability, Architectural barrier/free design

Thomas Malley, Bureau of Electrical Safety and Licensing, licensed master electrician

Fred Baybutt, Associated General Contractors, building contractor - non-residential bldgs.

Mark Tibbetts, NH Association of Fire Chiefs, municipal volunteer fire chief

Rick Swain, NH Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Assoc., mechanical contractor, business

Guests:

J. William Degnan, State Fire Marshal

Mark Hilbert, Chief Electrical Inspector

Lynn Franklin Pierce College

Chair Robert Clegg declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

GENERAL MEETING:

Adoption of meeting minutes from January 13, 2006.

Motion was made to accept the minutes as written. Wes Golomb **Seconded**. There being no discussion or comments, vote was asked for. **Motion carried** and so declared by the Chair.

Smart Codes - subcommittee report

Mike Santa was not in attendance - no report from sub-committee.

Legislation in the works

Home Improvement contracts (2005 - HB 177):

Generally this bill would make penalties criminal rather than civil as they are now. AG's office fields 4000 complaints of which 1% are from contractors - complaints they do receive are varied. Status on this bill is "LAID ON THE TABLE".

Regulation of home inspectors (2005 - HB 642):

Question is should this Board hear these complaints. The Board's position is not in favor of the bill. Status on this bill is "Public Hearing on February 14th @ 10:00 room 306 of the LOB".

Membership of the State Building Code Review Board (HB 1134):

The Board feels that the current members represent the state well and no change is needed. Status of this bill is "Public Hearing on February 12th @ 1:00 room 306 of the LOB".

Municipal enrollment in National Flood Insurance Program (HB 1330):

Status of this bill is "Public Hearing on January 31st @ 1:00 room 301 of the LOB".

Resolving disputes regarding construction defects homeowners/contractors (HB 1537):

Status of this bill is "sub-committee hearing on Feb 9th @ 10:00 room 302 of the LO".

Handrails for stairways (HB 1653):

Jerry Tepe has indicated in the past that this piece of legislation is not needed. The status of this bill is "Feb 15th before the full House Consent calendar with a committee report of ITL (to be killed)".

International Residential Code (SB 234):

This passed the Senate Committee with a 4-0 vote. Will be a hard fight in the House. Status of this bill is "Feb 9th before the full Senate with a committee report of Ought to Pass".

Regulation of Plumbers and water treatment technicians by the plumbers board (SB 359):

The Energy Code takes precedent over the plumbing code. Status of this bill is Hearing Jan 19th at the State House room 100 at 11:30".

NEW BUSINESS

Board member Tedd Evans brought up **HB 1711** regarding the licensing of Gas Fitters. Evans reported that the public hearing for this bill was held February 9. A discussion on whether or not licensing legislation is effective took place without agreement. The discussion turned to the qualifications of local building inspectors and whether a licensed professional installer should have work inspected by a local inspector who is not licensed as an installer. Some sentiments were expressed that there should be some regulations regarding the competence of local building inspectors. The status of HB 1711 is "Feb 21 @ 2:30 sub-committee meeting in room 306 of the LOB". The Board will continue to monitor this bill.

The Board welcomed new Board member Laura A. Black from Shrewsbury, VT and the expertise and experience she brings to this Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to bring before the Board at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was duly made to adjourn, **Motion** was **Seconded**. **Motion carried**.

Next Meeting Dates: March 10, April 14 and May 12